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## **MULTIPLE GRADE I WINNER CODE OF HONOR HEADLINES OVERFLOW FIELD IN GRADE I, \$500,000 CLARK PRESENTED BY NORTON HEALTHCARE**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020)** – W.S. Farish's multiple Grade I winner **Code of Honor** will take on 13 rivals including graded stakes winners **By My Standards**, **Mr Freeze** and **Owendale** in Friday's 146<sup>th</sup> renewal of the \$500,000 Clark presented by Norton Healthcare (GI) – the marquee race of the Fall Meet at Churchill Downs.

The 1 1/8-mile Clark will go as Race 10 of 11 with a post time of 5:27 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post is 1 p.m.

Code of Honor, a 4-year-old son of Noble Mission (GB), achieved Grade I glory in last year's \$1.25 million Travers and \$750,000 Jockey Club Gold Cup (GI). Trainer **Shug McGaughey III** had his sights set on a strong 2020 campaign but when the COVID-19 pandemic struck, he was forced to alter the colt's plans.

"He's just been a victim of circumstances with the COVID situation," McGaughey said. "I would've liked him to run him in the Westchester which would've been the start of the Belmont Meet in the spring. I would've spaced the races out that way. That didn't work out so we couldn't run until June 6 in the Westchester. He won that and I really had in my mind I wasn't going to run him back until the Whitney. He's run a lot better with his races spaced."

Hall of Fame jockey **John Velazquez** will ride Code of Honor from post position No. 3.

"Johnny told me after the Met that this horse definitely wants two turns," McGaughey said. "His race in the Kelso against **Complexity**, who was the favorite in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, was a really good race. We had to change riders on him that day. **Javier (Castellano)** is obviously a great rider but may not have known him as well as Johnny did. All in all, it was sort of just a messed up year. Now he's gotten his space and he's run good over this Churchill track."

Code of Honor was one of the top 3-year-old prospects in 2019 following his victory in the \$400,000 Florida Derby (GII) at Gulfstream Park. He placed second in the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) prior to his Travers and Jockey Club Gold Cup victories.

Among the other top older horses that entered the race is **Allied Racing Stable's** \$400,000 Alysheba (GII) winner **By My Standards**. Trained by **Bret Calhoun** and ridden by **Gabriel Saez**, **By My Standards** finished eighth in this year's Breeders' Cup Classic (GI), his only off the board finish through seven starts in 2020.

"He loves this track at Churchill Downs so I think he'll do a lot better getting back here," Saez said. "We didn't get the best of trips in the Breeders' Cup and he didn't like the surface that day. He worked really well (on Friday). He just has such a big stride and covers a lot of ground."

**By My Standards** sports a stout overall record of 13-6-4-1 with earnings of \$1,824,430. He drew post 12 for Friday's Clark.

Also entered is **Rupp Racing's** three-time Grade III winner **Owendale**. Trained by **Brad Cox**, **Owendale** finished second behind **By My Standards** in the Alysheba. The 4-year-old son of Into Mischief began his 2020 campaign with a victory at Churchill Downs in the \$100,000 Blame Stakes. **Owendale** enters the Clark following a fifth-place effort in the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (GI) at Keeneland.

"In the Alysheba there was no pace," Cox said. "He doesn't really like kickback so we have to make sure he gets out in the clear. I think his efforts this year have put him in contention with some of the older horses in this handicap division."

**Owendale** was the runner-up finisher behind **Tom's d'Etat** in last year's Clark. **Florent Geroux** has the call on **Owendale** from post 9.

Another top older horse that entered the Clark is **Jim Bakke** and **Gerald Isbister's** four-time graded stakes winner **Mr Freeze**. Trained by **Dale Romans**, **Mr Freeze** scored a narrow victory in last month's \$200,000 Fayette (GII) at Keeneland. The six-time winner finished third in last year's Clark under jockey **Robby Albarado**. Following that race he finished second in the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup (GI), beaten 4 1/2 lengths by **Mucho Gusto**.

Jockey **David Cohen** will ride **Mr Freeze** in the Clark from post 7.

Finishing just a neck behind **Mr Freeze** in the Fayette was **Stonestreet Stables, George Bolton** and **Peter Leidel's Aurelius Maximus**. The 4-year-old colt was transferred from trainer **Chad Brown** to **Steve Asmussen** at the end of 2019 and immediately found success reeling off consecutive allowance victories.

Aurelius Maximus is one of two horses entered in the Clark for Asmussen. The other is **Ed** and **Susie Orr**'s four-time winner **Silver Prospector**. The 3-year-old son of Declaration of War rallied to win a 1 1/8-mile allowance event on Oct. 30 at Churchill Downs. Earlier in his career, the gray colt was on the Kentucky Derby trail with victories in the \$200,000 Kentucky Jockey Club (GII) and \$750,000 Southwest Stakes (GIII).

**Ricardo Santana Jr.** has the call on Aurelius Maximus from post 5 while **Gerardo Corrales** picks up the call on Silver Prospector from post 14.

Invading from South Florida for the Clark is **Top Racing, Global Thoroughbred** and **GDS Stable**'s multiple graded stakes placed **Bodexpress**. The 14<sup>th</sup> place finisher in the 2019 Kentucky Derby arrived at Churchill Downs on Friday with trainer **Gustavo Delgado**'s son **Gustavo Jr.** The 4-year-old son of Bodemeister enters the Clark following a dominating 11 1/4-length allowance score at Gulfstream Park West in mid-October.

**Rafael Bejarano** has the mount on Bodexpress and will break from post 8.

Rounding out the Clark field is **Bourbon Lane Stable**'s stakes winner **Bourbon Calling**; **Albaugh Family Stable** and **Helen K Groves Revocable Trust**'s improving 4-year-old colt **Coastal Defense**; **Lucky Seven Stable**'s five-time winner **Crafty Daddy**; **Wachtel Stable**, **George Kerr**, and **Gary Barber**'s Grade III winner **Multiplier**; **Susan** and **Jim Hill**'s recent allowance winner **Phantom Currency**; **Imperial Racing**'s \$2.5 million UAE Derby (GII) winner **Plus Que Parfait**; and **Charles Fipke**'s Fayette third-place finisher **Title Ready**. **Bonne Chance Farm** and **Stud R D I**'s recent turf allowance winner **In Love (BRZ)** is on the also-eligible list with the lowest earnings in the field.

In total, the Clark field has accumulated 58 wins with earnings of more than \$12.4 million.

The complete field from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): **Crafty Daddy** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Kenny McPeek); **Title Ready** (Corey Lanerie, Dallas Stewart); **Code of Honor** (Velazquez, McGaughey); **Multiplier** (Tyler Gaffalione, Peter Miller); **Aurelius Maximus** (Santana, Asmussen); **Plus Que Parfait** (Robby Albarado, Brendan Walsh); **Mr Freeze** (Cohen, Romans); **Bodexpress** (Bejarano, Delgado); **Owendale** (Geroux, Cox); **Bourbon Calling** (Julien Leparoux, Ian Wilkes); **Coastal Defense** (Joe Talamo, Romans); **By My Standards** (Saez, Calhoun); **Phantom Currency** (Declan Cannon, Brian Lynch); and **Silver Prospector** (Corrales, Asmussen). Also-Eligible: **In Love** (Albarado, Paulo Lobo).

**BONNY SOUTH MADE 8-5 FAVORITE IN FALLS CITY – Juddmonte Farms' \$400,000 Fair Grounds Oaks (Grade II)** winner **Bonny South** was made the 8-5 favorite in a competitive field of nine fillies and mares that were entered in Thursday's 105<sup>th</sup> running of the \$200,000 Falls City (GII) at Churchill Downs.

Trained by **Brad Cox**, Bonny South was a highly-touted 3-year-old filly in the winter following her 2 1/4-length victory in the Fair Grounds Oaks. Cox shipped Bonny South to Saratoga over the summer where she was the runner-up behind **Swiss Skydiver** in the \$500,000 Alabama (GI). Bonny South will enter Thursday's Falls City following a narrow defeat in the Oct. 3, \$250,000 Black Eyed Susan (GII) at Pimlico.

"We decided to point for the Falls City rather than the Breeders' Cup," said Cox, who won last year's Falls City with **Mylady Curlin**. "We gave her plenty of time after the Black Eyed Susan and she's done very well in her preparation for this. I think she fits in really well with this field."

The 1 1/8-mile Falls City has been run on Thanksgiving Day beneath the historic Twin Spires since 1978. It will go as the featured event in Race 10 of 11 with a post time of 3:53 p.m. There will be a special first post of 11:30 a.m. holiday race program.

The complete field for the Falls City from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): **Envoutante** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Kenny McPeek, 5-2); **Another Broad** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Steve Asmussen, 10-1); **Bonny South** (Geroux, Cox, 8-5); **Smooth With a Kick** (Tyler Gaffalione, Chad Brown, 5-1); **Our Super Freak** (Gabriel Saez, Cherie DeVaux, 9-2); **Cash Out** (Edgar Morales, Rusty Arnold II, 20-1); **High Regard** (Corey Lanerie, Vicki Oliver, 20-1); **Over Thinking** (Rafael Bejarano, Oliver, 20-1); **Market Rumor** (Chris Landeros, Ian Wilkes).

**TV SCHEDULE** – Racing at Churchill Downs continues every Wednesday-Sunday through Nov. 29 daily first post at 1 p.m. (except 11:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day). Below is this week's TV schedule on the Fox Sports family of networks:

Sunday: FS1 (11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.), FS2 (4-5:30 p.m.) | MSG+ (12:30-5:30 p.m.)

Wednesday: FS2 (12:30-5:30 p.m.) | MSG+ (12:30-5:30 p.m.)

Thursday: FS2 (11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.) | MSG+ (11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Friday: FS2 (11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.) | MSG+ (11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.)

Saturday: FS2 (11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.) | MSG+ (12-6:30 p.m.)

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**INDOOR AREAS CLOSED FOR REMAINDER OF FALL MEET** – In accordance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s most recent health and safety requirements issued on Wednesday, all indoor concessions, dining rooms, the Turf Club, the Roses Lounge, private suites and inter-track wagering in the Aristides Lounge and Champions/Gold Rooms will be closed for the remainder of the fall meet. All current ticketholders will be refunded.

Reserved outdoor box seats remain open with proper social distancing at limited capacity per the state’s requirements for venues and event spaces. First floor reserved box seats will be sold at general admission pricing for \$5 (\$7 on Friday and Saturday). Third floor box seats are \$12. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://www.churchilldowns.com/tickets/>. Children 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Parking is available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis.

Temperature checks, physical distancing and mandatory face coverings are required upon entrance and movement within Churchill Downs.

Guests will be able to purchase limited food and beverage from concession stands located outdoors on the ground level. No food and beverage is allowed inside spaces of the track or indoors, including the second floor Clubhouse. Additionally, guests are not permitted to bring food and beverage into the facility.

Wearing cloth face coverings at all times is required when not actively consuming food or beverage; simply holding a beverage or food item does not constitute actively consuming.

Following the conclusion of the race meet on Sunday, Nov. 29, Churchill Downs will remain closed for simulcast wagering through Dec. 13, which is expiration date of the latest executive orders.

**KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGERS RETURN ON CLOSING WEEKEND** – The first pools of the **2021 Kentucky Derby Future Wager** will be offered Thursday, Nov. 26 through Sunday, Nov. 29.

The traditional pool with 23 individual wagering interests and an “all others” option will return, and so will the Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager, which debuted in 2015 and requires bettors to wager on the winning sire for next year’s Kentucky Derby winner.

Fields for the first pools will be announced Monday afternoon.

The other Future Wager dates are tentatively set for Jan. 22-24 (Pool 2), Feb. 12-14 (Pool 3), March 5-7 (Pool 4) and March 26-28 (Pool 5). The lone Kentucky Oaks Future Wager will coincide with Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 4 on March 5-7.

**DOWN THE STRETCH** – There was a \$162,270 carryover in the 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot for racing on Sunday at Churchill Downs. First post was 1 p.m. and the Single 6 spanned races 4-9. ... Trainer **Mike Maker** and jockey **Tyler Gaffalione** have been nearly unstoppable as of late at Churchill Downs. Maker, who led trainer **Steve Asmussen** 18-15 to start Sunday’s program, has won his last six races at Churchill Downs. Gaffalione, who was ahead of **Ricardo Santana Jr.** 31-24, won 14 of his last 25 mounts and only missed the board in three of those starts. ... For more information about the Churchill Downs Fall Meet, visit [www.churchilldowns.com](http://www.churchilldowns.com).

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